

Article - Natural Resources

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§8–1002.

The Department shall:

(1) Develop and implement a program to educate the public on every phase of shore and bank erosion, its causes and effects, the locations where erosion is a problem, and steps to be taken to control erosion;

(2) Review petitions for formation of shore erosion control districts presented to any county and report to the county as provided in § 21–303 of the Local Government Article;

(3) Provide technical assistance to individual property owners, municipalities, and counties having specific shore and bank erosion problems;

(4) Design or cause to be designed shore erosion control projects, including vegetative cover, in shore erosion control districts;

(5) Enter into agreements with any person to construct shore erosion control projects;

(6) Administer the Fund to provide loans to any person in support of construction of shore erosion control projects;

(7) Supervise or provide supervision of design and erection of any shore protective device the Fund finances in whole or part;

(8) Prepare requests for appropriation of funds necessary to maintain the Fund;

(9) Cooperate with the following units:

(i) The State Highway Administration for shore erosion control where essential to protect municipal, county, or State roads;

(ii) The United States Army Corps of Engineers to conduct shore erosion studies; and

(iii) The Soil Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture to evaluate and apply vegetative measures for shore erosion control;

(10) Design, construct, and maintain shore erosion control works on State-owned lands if these projects are included in the budget for the Fund;

(11) Actively seek to obtain available funds from the federal government for shore erosion control projects; and

(12) Adopt regulations to implement this subtitle.

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